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Addendum

Other business

1. At its 13th meeting, on 16 March 2015, the Commission considered agenda item 10, which read as follows: "Other business".

2. An introductory statement was made by the Chair of the Commission. An introductory statement was also made by the Director of the Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs.

Deliberations

3. The Chair recalled that, at its intersessional meeting on 29 January 2015, the Commission had agreed that it would consider matters relating to the Economic and Social Council under the agenda item. The Chair informed the Commission that, on 19 December 2014, he had received a letter from the President of the Council containing information relating to its session in 2015, in which it was noted that the Council would have a central role in advancing an integrated approach to a unified and universal post-2015 development framework based on sustainable development goals. The Council would support that process through its work during the 2015 session, culminating in a high-level segment to be held from 6 to 10 July 2015. The Chair also noted that the Commission had been requested to provide to the Council a substantive contribution, as appropriate, by 29 May 2015, and reiterated the invitation to Member States to provide written contributions, if any, in due time.

4. The Chair recalled that the Commission had provided an input to the 2015 integration segment of the Council on the theme "Achieving sustainable development through employment creation and decent work for all".

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5. The representative of UNODC stated that, from the inception of its work on a new development agenda, the international community had placed its focus on policy areas that could improve the sustainability of the poverty alleviation targets enshrined in the Millennium Development Goals. Sustainable development could not take place when large illicit sectors, such as drug production and trafficking, influenced local and national economies, given their impact on governance, access to basic services, violence and potential conflict. The new set of targets, the Sustainable Development Goals, presented unprecedented opportunities to make progress within UNODC mandates, as they were more comprehensive, integrated and horizontal, bringing together the social, environmental and economic dimensions of sustainable development. The contribution of the Commission was instrumental to achieving that holistic approach, including through the Political Declaration and Plan of Action on International Cooperation towards an Integrated and Balanced Strategy to Counter the World Drug Problem. In the Declaration, Member States noted that the world drug problem undermined, inter alia, sustainable development, including efforts to eradicate poverty; reiterated that interventions should consider vulnerabilities that undermined human development, such as poverty and social marginalization; and committed themselves to increasing cooperation in order to counter the world drug problem. In that context, under the overall guidance of the Commission, UNODC was determined to provide its substantive contribution to the common United Nations effort at the global, regional, national and local levels.